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Lemieux Act Condemned By Canadian Unionists;

Complete Collapse of "Strike Investigation" Law

adian industrial disputes investigation law-known as the Lemieux act-was blown sky high by the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress convention, in session in this city last week.

By an almost unanimous vote the convention called upon the government to repeal this legislation.

The Lemieux act was passed in 1907 and served as a model for legislation passed by the last Colorado State Legislature, which has since been repudiated by the federation of labor of that state. Under the Lemicux act it is illegal for workers employed in a public utility to leave their employment until the government has appointed a commission to in-

In opposing the act, delegates to the Trades and Labor Congress used some of the strongest terms ever heard in a Dominion trade union meeting. Former supporters of the act acknowledged they had new viewpoints, and that close con-tact with its operation convinced them that it was impossible for labor organ-izations to attain the goal for which they are struggling when forced to acthey are struggling when forced to accept the law as a means of adujusting differences with employers. It was charged that the government used the act to curtail the power of organized labor. Delegates referred to the law as "the lemon act," and that "it is all for the other fellow." Delegates Irvine of the miners said: "I have never known the employers to be put to a disadvant the employers to be put to a disadvan-tage, but the employes have."

Delegate Sinclair, who is also an offi-cer of the Amalgamated Association of was set aside.

Toronto, Ontario, Oct. 7.—The Can-lian industrial disputes investigation tion to claims in the United States that www.hnown as the Lemieux act—was satisfied with the Lemieux act.'

clair, "that the wage carners of the Do-

minion are opposed to it."

The cabinet of the Dominion govern-ment was vigorously bombarded during the discussion. It was charged that aliens, held at a detention camp because of the war, were forced to break the strike of Thetford miners who were demanding higher wages when the price of asbestos had jumped from \$200 to \$600 a ton. Minister of Labor Crothers, who addressed the convention on behalf of the law said he was not responsible. of the law, said he was not responsible for the acts of the cabinet. It was also charged that the conciliator appointed

"This congress should tell the work-ingmen of the United States," said Sin-

by the government in this case was a stockholder in one of the Thetford as-bestos companies. To this the minister of labor also pleaded ignorance. Repudiation of the widely-heralded

law by Canadian organized workers is a hard jolt to employers who have depended upon this legislation to tie men to their jobs while they jockeyed to de-feat their workers' demands by continued delay or, if necessary, by open re-pudiation of the award of government commissions. Under this law it was Jewell & Son, J. A., Western ave, and Hopple st. illegal to even feed strikers who had not complied with the act. In one Nova Scotia case an official of a trade union was fined for paying for groceries out of funds of the union. He was found guilty of "encouraging strikers." His defense that the strikers were starving

RAILROAD KEY MEN GAIN.

St. Louis, Mo.—President Perham of the Order of Railway Telegraphers re-ports that revised schedules on 16 large lines have been secured during the past quarter. President Perham states that the membership is to be congratulated on this record of achievement. The latest gains have been made by Balti-more & Ohio railroad telegraphers who have secured an 8 per cent increase. The United States board of mediation and conciliation assisted in the negotiations.

LONGSHOREMEN WIN STRIKE.

Erie, Pa.-After 10,000 tons of freight had been piled up on the Anchor line then taken to the courts. dock, as the result of a strike of longshoremen, officials of the Great Lakes Transit Corporation concluded to meet officers of the union and settle wage differences. After a five hours' conference the men-returned to work and will hereafter be paid 30 cents an hour.

COOKS AND WAITERS GAIN.

Springfield, Mass.—The new wage agreement of Cooks and Waiters' union has been signed by 35 of the 45 hotels and restaurants in this city.

Hammond, Ind.—Culinary workers

STRIKE CASES DISMISSED.

Walsenburg, Colo.-Attorney General Farrar has dismissed a score of indictments in this county which grew out of the recent miners' strike. This action is in line with a similar act taken several weeks ago when large numbers of in-dictments in this and in Las Animas counties were nollied because of lack of evidence. Of the hundreds of miners that were indicted not one is now in jail and practically all have been given their freedom. The case of John R. Lawson who was found guilty of murder in the first degree in Judge Hillyer's court is pending because of the action of the State supreme court in setting aside the verdict and ordering Lawson's release on bail.

When the State supreme court order-ed that Judge Hillyer should not try any more miners' cases, the coal operators received their hardest blow and dismissals of indictments then began. Judge Hillyer was formerly a coal operator's attorney and was appointed to the bench by Governor Carlson after the legisla-ture had created an additional judicial district.

SHEET METAL WORKERS GAIN.

Hartford, Conn.-Sheet Metal Workers' Union has accepted the compromise offer of employers to raise wages from at Neponset are on strike to raise wages. Coving to Delss, Chris, 11 Park place 471/2 to 50 cents an hour.

COMPENSATION LAW APPLIES TO CHILD

Philadelphia.—Judge McMichael has ruled that the State workmen's compensation law must be interpreted broadly and that compensation must be paid to children whose fathers are killed in

industrial accidents.

The case centered about a 4-monthsold babe whose father was killed six days before it was born. A workmen's compensation referee awarded benefits to the mother and to the child until it reaches the age of 16. Appeal was tak-en to the compensation board, which sustained the referee. The matter was

widow or widower entitled to compensation, no award can be made to the chil-dren. In dismissing this argument, Judge McMichael said:

'An act of assembly of the character of the one in question should be interpreted broadly and in harmony with the aim of the act of providing support for those dependent upon a deceased em-

ploye.
"Since dependents bound by the compensation feature of the law lose all their remedies at common law, a literal construction in their favor is required. Riedel & Co., 1005 W. Eighth st. In the case at bar the child takes noth-Rocgge, Hy., 2357 Clifton ave. ing during the running of 300 weeks if Ruehl & Co., John, 1004 Central ave. have organized and prepared an agree-ment, which is being accepted by local its mother lives that long and does not Savage, Sam'i, 406 Andrews Bldg. marry. Can it be said that it was intended that the child thus should be ex-

cluded from the benefits of the act? "We think the provision for the mother negatives that inquiry, because the payment made to her was based on the fact of the existence of the child. The child's right to compensation can not be said in this way to be obliterated. It becomes merged with that of the mother, and rightly so, because she is usually the person to whom ultimately com-pensation due a child would naturally

It is stated that the decision will affect over 1,000 children and that over \$2,-000,000 is involved.

COMPENSATION FOR ABSCESS.

Harrisburg, Pa.—That an employe can recover compensation for time lost by reason of an abscess, caused by conditions incident to his employment, is the ruling of the compensation board in Thompson, E. C., 2625 Cleinview ave. ditions incident to his employment, the case of a carpenter who was building a fence last winter. The ground was frozen and it was necessary for him to Theobald & Son, John, Mer Theobald & Son, John, Mer at the joint of the right linger. Later an abscess developed and an operation was Weinhelmer, F. s. c. or Berlin and Control of the right linger. Later an Weber & Bro., L. J., 1902 Biggler st necessary.

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